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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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BEIRUT FOR CHARGE, DEPT FOR ATHERTON FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE

SUBJECT: LEBANESE ELECTIONS

1. I HAVE READ REPORTS (SITREP 1800 KINSHASA TIME, 28 APRIL)
THAT CHAMOUN AND JUMBLATT MAY BE WORKING AGAINST HOLDING
ELECTION AS SCHEDULED MAY 1.

2. IN ORDER TO BE SURE WE ARE NOT MISSING AN OPPORTUNITY TO
HELP HEAD OFF ANOTHER SPOILING MOVEMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
BY END OF DAY APRIL 29 KINSHASA TIME EMBASSY BEIRUT'S AND
DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER ATTEMPT TO DELAY ELECTION IS
GATHERING SERIOUS MOMENTUM OR IS BEING CONTAINED BY FORCES
DETERMINED TO KEEP TO SCHEDULE.

3. IN ADDITION, WOULD APPRECIATE CHARGE'S JUDGMENT WHETHER
A ROUND OF TALKS FRIDAY MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN STIFFENING THOSE
TRYING TO STAY ON SCHEDULE OR WHETHER SUCH APPROACH WOULD BE
UNNECESSARY OR COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
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